



Vaccines at the Pharmacy

Help yourself stay healthy this winter by getting a flu shot from either your doctor or from a pharmacist.

Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield now provides pharmacy benefits when you receive certain vaccines at the pharmacy.*

You now have the convenience of going to a pharmacy to receive certain vaccines as part of your pharmacy benefits.

Vaccines

The vaccines that can be administered at the pharmacy and be covered by Wellmark are:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DT&P)
- Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)
- Hepatitis A (HepA)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
- Inactivated Poliovirus (IPV)
- Influenza
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Meningococcal (MPSV4)
- Pneumococcal
- Rotavirus (Rota)
- Varicella
- Zoster (over age 60)



For some vaccines, you may need a prescription from your doctor. Check with your pharmacy to determine if a prescription is needed.

Pharmacy

Not all pharmacies provide vaccines. Only pharmacists, certified to give vaccines, can offer this service. Also, the hours that vaccines are available may be different than the normal pharmacy operating hours. Check with your pharmacy if this service is available and the hours the service is available.

* Excludes employees enrolled in the State Police Officers Council (SPOC) Alliance Select plan

Vaccines in the Doctor's Office

You can still go to your doctor's office to receive a vaccine.

Cost Share

Your cost share will be different depending on where you receive the vaccine.

Your health benefit will apply if you receive the vaccine in your doctor's office.

If you receive the vaccine at a pharmacy, your cost share will be equal to the preferred brand name drug cost. Following are the prescription drug cost share amounts for the Wellmark plans.

Deductible 3 Plus – 20% after the deductible is met
Program 3 Plus – \$15 copay if you have not reached your maximum out-of-pocket
Iowa Select PPO – \$15 copay if you have not reached your maximum out-of-pocket
Blue Access – \$15 copay
Blue Advantage – \$15 copay

You will pay your cost share at the pharmacy when receiving the vaccine.

If you use a pharmacy that belongs to the Wellmark network, your claim will be filed electronically. If you use a pharmacy that does not belong to the Wellmark network, you will have to pay for the entire cost of the vaccine, submit a paper claim and wait for reimbursement.

Additional Information

Attached to this *benefit news* is a flyer from Wellmark with frequently asked questions. The Wellmark flyer can also be found at the DAS wellness Web site: http://das.hre.iowa.gov/benefits/benefit_pages/well_index.html.

If you have questions, contact Wellmark's customer service staff at:

Blue Access	1-800-553-7801
Blue Advantage	1-800-553-7801
Deductible 3 Plus	1-800-622-0043
Iowa Select PPO	1-800-622-0043
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